Collaboration-A Key to Enhanced Nutrition Services: A County Case Study

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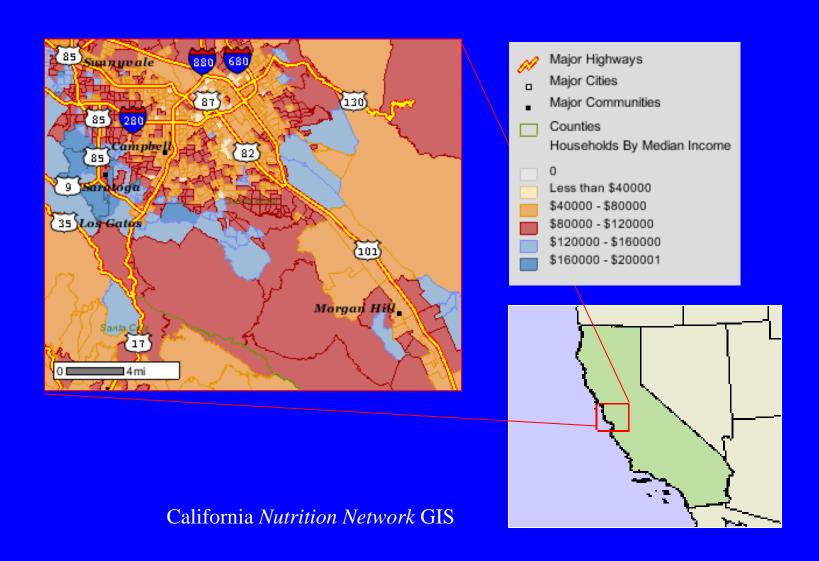




Objective

• Learner will identify at least three strategies to maximize efficiencies of sister-FNS programs

Santa Clara County



Santa Clara County Data

- 1,291 square miles
- 1.7 million people
- Diversity
 - 54% White
 - 3% Black or African American
 - 26% Asian
 - 0.3% Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander
 - 24% Latino or Hispanic
 - 17% Other race or two or more races

Santa Clara County Data

- 124,470 people living in poverty¹
- 74,000 adults living in food insecure households²
 - 253,000 other members in these households
- 351 public schools³
 - 76,119 students eligible for free or reducedpriced school breakfasts
- 1. US Census, 2000
- 2. UCLA, Center for Health Policy Research, 2001
- 3. California Department of Education, 2002-2003

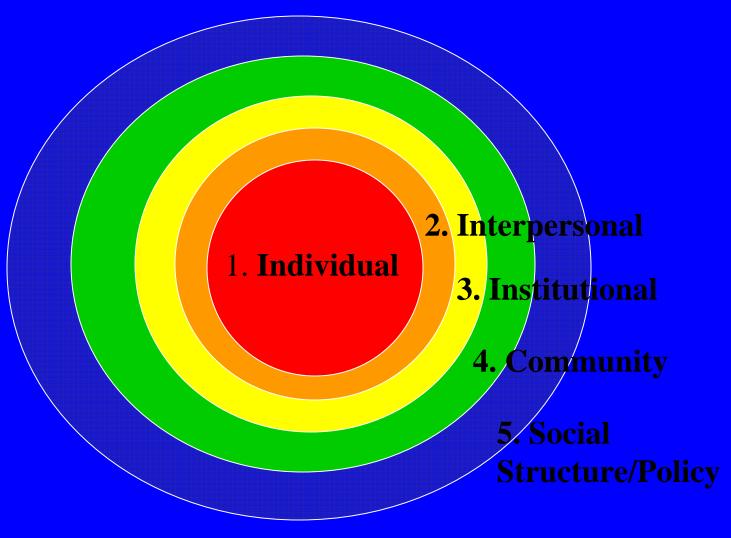
Core Education Delivery Partners

WIC

UC COOPERATIVE EXTENSION

Nutrition Network

Social Ecological Model



McElroy, Bibeau, Steckler, & Glanz, 1988

1. Individual Level

- Nutrition Education Classes
 - Fruit & Vegetable and Physical Activity classes
 - Community classes & food demonstrations
- Nutrition Education Newsletters

Nutrition Awareness Events

2. Interpersonal Level

- Peer Education
 - Breastfeeding Support
- Provider Training
- Feeding Dynamics
 - Collaboration with UC Cooperative Extension,
 WIC, and *Network* staff

3. Institutional Level

- Workplace Interventions
 - Fit WIC
 - Fitness Challenge
 - Lactation Accommodation
- Policy Change at the Workplace
 - Public Health Department Nutrition & Physical Activity and Breastfeeding Policies

4. Community Level

 Spring Into Health and Nutrition Month activities in conjunction with UC
 Cooperative Extension at multiple lowerincome elementary schools

Farmer's Market Partnerships

5. Social Structure/Policy Level

- Environmental Change
 - Expansion to county-wide policy on vending machine foods and foods served at County sponsored events
- School Wellness
 - Education, resources and technical assistance

Outcomes

- Strengthened partnerships for future collaboration
- Standardized nutrition messages reinforced through multiple channels
- Increased demand for integrating nutrition education and physical activity into program services

Lessons Learned

- Use communication and strategic planning for effective collaboration
- Value partners & their unique contributions
- Be patient-true collaboration takes time and energy

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